

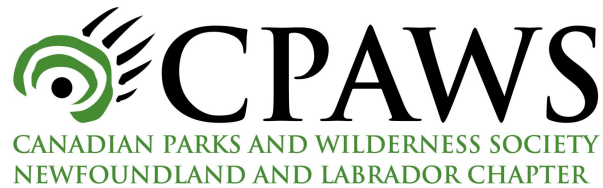


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April 2026 Newsletter





April has arrived, bringing longer days and the first signs of spring across the province. As the snow begins to melt, it's an exciting time to be outside, whether you're spotting returning seabirds, watching icebergs, or simply enjoying a bit more warmth each day. With a new season underway, we've been busy gearing up for the months ahead while continuing our conservation work across the province. Here's a look at what we've been up to this past month!

Hiring for Summer Positions!



Are you or is someone you know looking for an unforgettable summer job? Thanks to support from the Conservation Corps Newfoundland and Labrador, we're hiring for 2 additional positions. Check out the job description and how to apply [here!](#)

Introducing our new **Volunteer Conservation Photographer, David Sturge**



David was born and raised in Labrador, where he developed a deep connection to the natural world and a passion for photography inspired by his father. Coming from a long lineage of hunters, fishermen, and sea captains, he chose to forge a different relationship with the environment, one rooted in stewardship and respect. While honoring his heritage, David has dedicated his life to giving back to the land and sea, using powerful imagery to help protect the very places that shaped him.

Now based in Paradise, Newfoundland and Labrador, David serves as a Provincial Park Ranger and works part-time as a Marine Wildlife Guide and Captain. Immersed in the landscapes and seascapes of his home, he is a committed wildlife conservation photographer whose work supports leading environmental organizations. In 2026, he was selected as a team member of the Canadian Conservation Photographers Collective, recognizing both his artistic vision and his dedication to conservation.

In recent years, David has worked with photographers from National Geographic and Canadian Geographic and various national and international environmental documentaries, experiences that further inspired and solidified his commitment to conservation. Today, he dedicates his photography entirely to conservation advocacy and initiatives.

David's work is guided by a simple but powerful goal: to present the natural world of Newfoundland and Labrador in a way that inspires a shift, from a mindset of taking from the land and sea to one of giving back, protecting, and deeply honouring it.

We are so excited to welcome David as part of our team. Keep an eye out for his photography on our campaign materials!

Staff Updates

Goodbye to Hayley

We're sad to be saying goodbye, but so excited for what's ahead! Here's a note from Hayley as she heads into her next adventure:

"I have greatly enjoyed my time with CPAWS and the opportunities that it presented to connect more with Newfoundland's beautiful wildlife and people! I want to give a special thanks to the folks at CPAWS for providing a great experience, as well as to the kind and welcoming residents of the Burin Peninsula, which was my second home during my time conducting research with CPAWS! The next steps for me will involve spending this summer as an Environmental Educator at Echo Pond Environmental Education Centre, where I will continue to pursue my passion for environmental conservation before I begin a teaching degree at Memorial University of Newfoundland this coming fall. I look forward to sharing the things I learned at CPAWS with future students!"

New Contact Info for Kristen

If you are looking to get in contact with Kristen, our Ocean Conservation Coordinator, her email has changed! She can now be reached at kbromley@cpaws.org

As always, feel free to reach out with any questions that you may have. For information on how to [volunteer](#) or make a [donation](#), visit our website at cpawsnl.org! Also, if you're interested in keeping up to date on what's new and exciting at CPAWS-NL follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#) for regular updates.



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